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RE: **Docket Number 99D-0557**

I hope that you are still accepting comments re xenotransplantation. My comments are as follows:

I am against any xenotransplants, regardless of the species, because of the threats on inter-species virus transmission.

Although your agency is saying it would not approve any primate xenografts at this time, pigs are being considered as the source animal of choice. There is no evidence that pigs are any safer than nonhuman primates. Pig viruses are just as dangerous as nonhuman primate viruses.

In January, 1999, the Council of Europe, representing 40 European countries, recommended a world-wide ban on xenotransplants. I urge the U.S. to do the same.

I remind you that there are safer and more humane alternatives to xenotransplantation, including promoting preventative medicine more vigorously than has been done in the past and increasing human organ donation rates.

Just because something can be done does not mean that it should be done.

Sincerely,


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